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1950 PULPWOOD PRODUCTION DROPS

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Ninety-one thousand cords of pulpwood were produced in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region during 1950. This was 23,600 cords below 1949, or a drop of 21 percent. The decrease was in wood produced in Northeast Washington, North Idaho, and Western Montana for consumption in the West. Shipments of 100-inch boltwood to the Lake States showed an increase of 1003 cords. Although the cut of pulpwood bolts in Eastern Montana was 1833 cords lower than in 1949, this was more than offset by the cut of 3660 cords of larch in Western Montana.

As in past years, the harvest for use in the West was in the form of sawlogs, while shipments to the East included only 100-inch boltwood. Of the 1950 cut, boltwood made up 57 percent and sawlogs 43 percent. By species, lodgepole pine accounted for 53 percent of the cut, western hemlock 21 percent, grand fir 18 percent, and Engelmann spruce, western larch, and cottonwood the remaining 8 percent.

Developments during 1950 point toward increased production of pulpwood in the future. A new pulpmill was completed at Lewiston, Idaho. Interest in Eastern Montana timber is growing as Lake States mills continue to feel the pressure of timber shortages. The 1950 shipment of western larch to the Lake States is the first of its size on record and was for experimental purposes.

Pulpwood production - 1950

Northern Rocky Mountain Region

Species	Pulp logs				Pulp bolts, 100-inch			Total logs and bolts
	Western Montana	North Idaho	NE Washington	Total	Western Montana	Eastern Montana	Total	
	M bd.ft., Scribner log rule				Standard cords			
Cottonwood	18	320	8	346	-	-	-	865
Grand fir	-	4,543	2141	6,684	-	-	-	16,710
Western Hemlock	39	7,509	13	7,561	-	-	-	18,902
Larch	-	-	-	-	3660	-	3,660	3,660
Lodgepole pine	-	-	-	-	-	48,249	48,249	48,249
Engelmann spruce	-	1,032	6	1,038	-	-	-	2,595
Total	57	13,404	2168	15,629	3660	48,249	51,909	90,981

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